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Title	: MAMMAL NEURONAL ACID	
	: SENSING CATIONIC CHANNEL,	
	: CLONING AND APPLICATIONS THEREOF	

Dated: December 3, 2007

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

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Sir:

This paper is submitted to supplement the Response filed on November 16, 2007.

The Applicants enclose a Declaration of Professor Peter McNaughton for the Examiner's consideration. Professor McNaughton has reviewed the Applicants' entire application and considered the rejections set forth in the November 29, 2006 Official Action. Professor McNaughton is one of at least ordinary skill in the art and believes that the Applicants' original disclosure provides ample support for credible and substantial utility, especially when taken with the publications that were submitted with the Applicants' last Response.

The Applicants therefore respectfully request that Professor McNaughton's Declaration be entered into the official file and given the weight that it deserves from a neutral bystander who is one of at least ordinary skill in the art with respect to the issue of utility. The Applicants respectfully submit that this additional evidence further weighs in favor of withdrawal of the rejection.

Respectfully submitted,



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